Tomas Morales

Born to naturalized, hard-working parents, Tomas took his first paying job in seventh grade picking and packing grapes in the fields of the San Joaquin Valley. Six years later, he put himself through college with academic scholarships and by working as a professional firefighter. After earning UC Santa Barbara's highest student honor, awarded to one graduating senior per year for outstanding scholarship and extraordinary service to the University and community, Tomas attended Harvard Law School.

Tomas now has a quarter-century of extensive civil litigation experience including trials, arbitrations, and mediations. Tomas teaches California Civil Procedure to San Diego law students in an effort to share his experience with tomorrow's lawyers. As a practitioner representing plaintiffs, Tomas has recovered over \$70 million on behalf of his clients. When representing defendants, he has saved his clients countless millions of dollars and kept most from having to come out of pocket at all.

When not working, Tomas enjoys spending time with his family—his greatest source of pride. He also enjoys the outdoors and participates in marathons, Ironman and Xterra triathlons, ultra-marathons, and other "extreme" endurance sports. In addition, Tomas has a strong sense of public service and has served on numerous civic and philanthropic boards including the San Diego Foundation Charitable Real Estate Fund, Big Brothers Advisory Board, and an airport commission. He currently serves as chair of the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board.